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IN RE: Compliance Audit - Heath Springs ) ORDER APPROVING  
Telephone Company ) TARIFF PROVISIONS,  
 ) DEPRECIATION RATES,  
 ) AND REFUNDS

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) as a result of the October 1992 Compliance Audit performed by the Staff on the Heath Springs Telephone Company (Heath Springs or the Company). That audit uncovered several tariff and depreciation matters which the Commission needs to address. It came to the attention of the Commission that Heath Springs had been charging unapproved tariff rates in the areas of Call Forwarding - Residence, Call Forwarding - Business, and other tariff matters in the amount of approximately \$375.50 per month to its customers for approximately 24 months. Further, Heath Springs had no approved depreciation rates.

On December 4, 1992, Bill Bridges of Heath Springs filed for approval of the tariffs, which the Company had been charging for 24 months, and also filed for approval of the depreciation rates that the Company had been charging.

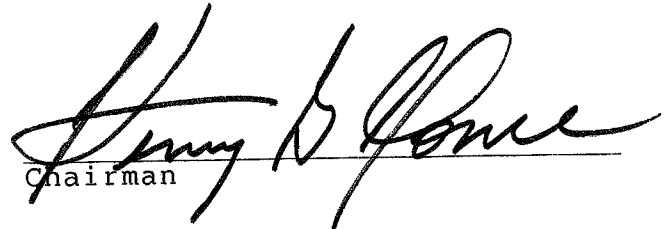
The Commission has examined this matter and believes that the tariffs and depreciation rates as filed should be approved. However, the Commission also notes that Heath Springs had been charging approximately \$375.50 per month for 24 months in unapproved tariff charges. This amounts to a total of approximately \$9,012. The Commission believes that these monies should be refunded to Heath Springs customers with interest at 12% per annum.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The tariff provisions as submitted by Heath Springs are hereby approved.
2. The depreciation rates as submitted by Heath Springs are hereby approved.
3. That the Company shall refund the amount of \$9,012 to its customers along with interest at 12% per annum.
4. That Heath Springs shall file a Report with the Commission containing: a) the starting date for refunds, b) the ending date for refunds, c) the total amount refunded, d) the amount refunded broken down into principal and interest, and e) the number of customers receiving refunds, along with those customers' names and addresses.

5. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect  
until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
Executive Director

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